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Section 8: Housing Choice Voucher/ Raising the Next Generation Program *Fact Sheet*

The purpose of the Raising the Next Generation Program (RNG) is to provide housing assistance to very low-income elderly (or near elderly) persons who are responsible for raising young children.

DHCD's Division of Public Housing and Rental Assistance, which administers this program, has the responsibility for regulatory and administrative oversight of all state and federally-aided rental assistance programs which address the needs of low-income families, elderly and persons with disabilities.

How it works

The program is targeted to those families who can live independently within the community but due to their unique family composition, need special support services for both elderly persons and young children.

RNG is a unique program that links federal rental assistance in the form of Section 8 Vouchers with support services designed for grandparents raising children in Boston's metropolitan area. Both the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Boston Aging Concerns Young and Old (BACYOU) initiated this program in 1998 and are responsible for the management of support services.

Who is eligible

Very low-income families with a head of household 50 years of age or older and who is the custodian responsible for raising young children. The family must be otherwise Section 8 eligible.

Application process

All applicants must be referred to DHCD by BACYOU staff.

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Grants

Up to 50 RNG subsidies are distributed by DHCD throughout the Boston metropolitan area. The Boston Housing Authority also administers a 50-unit RNG program.

**For further
information**

Please contact the Bureau of Federal Rental Assistance at (617) 573-1150.